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SUBJ: POSSIBLE EXIMBANK ARREARS

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- 1. APPARENT ARREARS IN CREDIT NO. 4914 WERE DISCUSSED JULY 6 DURING EMBOFF'S MEETINGS WITH SOSAP DIRECTOR MALIK DIA AND GOS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CREDIT ABDOULAYE SOW. BOTH DIA AND SOW ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE THROUGH CHASE MANHATTAN.
- 2. SOW SAID THAT THIS IS RECURRING PROBLEM. HE SAID GOS HAS AGREEMENT WITH CHASE THAT CHASE WILL HANDLE DEALINGS WITH EXIM. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO SOW, OFTEN WHEN PAYMENTS IS SENT TO CHASE. LATTER RETURNS MONEY.
- 3. SOW WENT ON TO NOTE THAT GOS HAS NOT RPT NOT PAID "COMMITMENT FEE AND GUARANTEE FEE" BECAUSE "WE HAVE NEVER RECEIVED THE BILLS, AND ARE UNABLE TO CALCULATE THE AMOUNT DUE OURSELVES."
- 4. GOS OFFICIALS SHARE EXIMBANK'S DESIRE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT QUESTION OF ARREARAGES, AND VOICE IMPATIENCE THAT MATTER HAS NOT YET BEEN SETTLED. THEY ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHASE MANHATTAN TO RESOLVE CONFUSION. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES,

EMBASSY CONCURS THAT BEST WAY TO PROCEED IS THROUGH TRACING EFFORTS BY CHASE AND EXIMBANK TO WHICH REFTEL ALLUDED. IN MEANTIME, DIA AND SOW ARE CONSIDERING TRIP TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON TOWARD END OF JULY TO HELP FIND WAY OUT OF PROBLEM.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT WHICH DEPARTMENT CAN SHED ON SOW'S REMARKS ABOVE AND BEING ADVISED OF RESULTS OF TRACING EFFORTS.

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